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Southern Memorial Association

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GALT HOUSE, LOUISVILLE, KY. }
(Wednesday) May 30th, 1900. }

In response to a call made by the Southern Memorial Association of Fayetteville, Ark., to unite in one body all Confederate Memorial Associations of Southern women a general meeting was held at the Galt House, Louisville, Ky., in the Music Room, May 30th, 1900, at 10 a. m.

Delegates from the following associations met at the appointed hour, when Miss Sue H. Walker corresponding secretary of the Southern Memorial Association in a few clear words, stated the object of the meeting; after which, Miss Julia A. Garside, of Fayetteville, Arkansas was called to the chair and Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson of New Orleans, La., appointed secretary, pro tem.

The chairman opened the meeting with prayer, asking God's blessing on the organization about to be formed, which was followed by a call for credentials of delegates present, when the following associations and delegates reported and were enrolled.

A report from the Southern Memorial Association was read and the following ladies named as delegates—Mrs. J. D. Walker, Chairman; Miss Sue H. Walker, Miss Julia A. Garside, all present.

The report of the Ladies Confederate Memorial Association of New Orleans, La., was read and the following delegates named—Mrs. William J. Behan, Chairman, Mrs. Jos. R. Davis, Mrs. Lewis Graham, Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson, Miss Lucy Marshall Smith, all present.

Hollywood Memorial Association, of Richmond, Va., delegates—Miss Lizzie Cary Daniel, Chairman, Mrs. D. Randolph, (alternate) alternate present.

Junior Hollywood Memorial Association, of Richmond, Va., delegate—Mrs. N. V. Randolph present.

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The Confederate Memorial Literary Society of Richmond, Va., delegate—Miss Minnie Baughman, present.

Ladies Memorial Association of Petersburg, Va., delegates—Mrs. Wm. E. Badger, Mrs. Shelton Cheives, present.

Oakwood Memorial Association of Richmond, Va., delegate—Mrs. David C. Richardson, present.

The Ladies Memorial Association of Knoxville, Tenn., delegates—Mrs. J. T. McTeer, Mrs. M. E. Lloyd, present.

The Ladies Memorial and Literary Association of Springfield, Mo., delegates—Mrs. Leroy Valliant, Mrs. Jennie Edwards, present.

The Ladies Confederate Memorial Association of Fort Mills, South Carolina, delegate—Miss Elizabeth White, present.

The following associations represented by proper credentials, Warren Memorial Association of Front Royal, Va.

The Ladies Confederate Memorial Association of Memphis, Tenn.

The Ladies Confederate Memorial Association of Gainesville, Ala.

Delegates present at Louisville, May 30th, 1900.

Mrs. J. D. Walker, Ark.; Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Va.; Mrs. W. E. Badger, Va.; Mrs. D. C. Richardson, Va.; Mrs. J. T. McTeer, Tenn.; Mrs. Shelton Cheives, Va.; Mrs. Leroy Valliant, Mo.; Mrs. M. E. Lloyd, Tenn.; Mrs. Lewis Graham, La.; Mrs. Jos. R. Davis, La.; Mrs. William J. Behan, La.; Miss Lucy Marshall Smith, La.; Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson, La.; Mrs. Jennie Edwards, Mo.; Miss Elizabeth White, S. C.; Miss Minnie Baughman, Va.; Miss Julia A. Garside, Ark.; Miss Sue H. Walker, Ark.; Miss Lizzie Cary Daniel, Va.

The question of election of officers was discussed and a motion made by Mrs. N. V. Randolph, of Richmond, Va., seconded by Mrs. J. D. Walker, of Fayetteville, Ark., "that we go into regular organization, and elect officers at once, and that they be chosen from the delegates present, so that the organization might be perfected before the presentation of the memorial to the United Confederate Veterans." This motion was carried. The election of officers being in order, Mrs. William J.

Behan was nominated for President by Mrs. Lewis Graham, of New Orleans, La., seconded by Mrs. N. V. Randolph, of Richmond, Va., and unanimously elected.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lewis Graham that a Vice-President at large be elected from each State, and as other Memorial Associations enter the Confederation that they shall elect a Vice-President. This motion was carried with the following result: Mrs. Lewis Graham, Vice-President for Louisiana; Miss Missie Ault, Vice-President for Tennessee; Mrs. Jennie Edwards, Vice-President for Missouri; Mrs. J. D. Walker, Vice-President for Arkansas; Mrs. D. C. Richardson, Vice-President for Virginia; Mrs. J. D. Mack, Vice-President for South Carolina; Mrs. D. B. Williams, Vice-President for Alabama.

The following ladies were unanimously elected to the offices named:

Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson of New Orleans, La., Recording Secretary; Miss Sue H. Walker of Fayetteville, Ark., Corresponding Secretary; Miss Julia A. Garside of Fayetteville, Ark., Treasurer.

Mrs. Behan was then escorted to the chair and presided.

On motion it was decided that a committee on Constitution and By-Laws be appointed and the following committee was named:

Miss Julia A. Garside, Chairman; Mrs. Joseph R. Davis, Miss Lizzie Cary Daniel, Mrs. M. E. Lloyd, Mrs. Lewis Graham.

Mrs. N. V. Randolph of Richmond, Va., made a stirring appeal in behalf of the work of the Davis Monument and requested the assistance of the Southern Memorial Associations in the collection of funds to complete the monument. At the conclusion of Mrs. Randolph's remarks Miss Sue H. Walker of Arkansas made the following motion:

"I make a motion to the effect that this Confederation of Memorial Associations pledge themselves to a contribution to the Jefferson Davis monument for which funds are now being raised by the Central Committee U. D. C., at Richmond, Va. That each association of

this Confederation contribute as largely as is consistent with their membership and financial ability, sending the contributions to the treasurer of this Confederation who will see that this combined contribution of the Confederation reaches the proper officials and that due credit is given to the Confederate Southern Memorial Association. It is the duty and privilege of every Southern person to aid in this undertaking, for in honoring the memory of President Davis we honor the cause he represented."

Carried.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Times-Democrat and the Picayune of New Orleans for the presence of representatives from both papers to report proceedings.

The President requested the committee on Constitution and By-Laws to report on Thursday morning at 9 a. m. with a form to be voted on.

The meeting then adjourned.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Secretary.

GALT HOUSE, LOUISVILLE, Ky., }
THURSDAY, May 31, 1900. }

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a. m., Mrs. William J. Behan in the chair. Quorum present. Minutes of the last meeting read; several corrections being necessary, it was moved that their adoption be suspended until after the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws. Carried.

A motion was made by Miss Julia A. Garside that an historian be elected. Carried. Miss Garside then nominated Mrs. Sarah Polk Blake of New Orleans; seconded by Miss Lucy M. Smith. Mrs. Blake was unanimously elected to the office by a rising vote.

It being in order, Mrs. William J. Behan read the report of the committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

On motion made by Miss Julia A. Garside, duly seconded, the Constitution and By-Laws were read ad seriatim and voted upon as a whole. Carried.

Article I: Title—Read and approved.

Article II: Objects.

Section 1, read and approved.

Section 2, read and approved.

Article III: Membership requisites.

Section 1, read and approved.

Section 2, read and approved.

Article IV: Representation—Read and approved.

Article V: Officers—Read and approved.

Article VI: Badge.

After the reading of Section 1, Article VI, the following motion was made and duly seconded: That the President appoint a committee on badges to report at the call of the President. This motion was carried and the following committee appointed: Miss Julia A. Garside, chairman; Mrs. J. T. McTeer, Miss Lucy M. Smith.

Section 2, read and approved.

Article VII—Section 1, read and approved.

On motion of Miss Julia A. Garside, seconded by Miss Lucy M. Smith, the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws was suspended to admit the Missouri Literary Memorial Association as Charter members. Carried. Having presented proper credentials this Association was enrolled in the Confederation, Mrs. Leroy Valliant and Mrs. Jennie Edwards reported as delegates.

The President then continued the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Article VIII read and approved.

By-Laws.

Article I: Membership—Read and approved.

Article II: Election of Officers—Read and approved.

Article III: Duties of Officers.

Section 1, read and approved.

Section 2, read and approved.

Section 3, read and approved.

Section 4, read and approved.

Section 5, read and approved.

Article IV: Meetings—Read and approved.

Article V: Business of the Association.

A motion was made and duly seconded that the words "or more delegates" be stricken out, and that Article V be made to read "for the ordinary business of this As-

sociation seven delegates, including the President, or one of the Vice Presidents, shall be recognized as a quorum." Carried.

The President having finished the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws a motion was made and seconded to adopt it as a whole. Carried. The Constitution and By-Laws were then adopted.

It being in order, the Secretary read the minutes as corrected, when they were adopted and approved.

A motion was made by Miss Julia A. Garside, duly seconded, that a committee on credentials be appointed. This motion was carried and the President appointed the following committee: Miss Julia A. Garside, chairman; Mrs. Leroy Valliant, Mrs. Shelton Chieves.

The following motion was made by Miss Sue H. Walker, of Arkansas: "That each Association of this Confederation prepare a condensed history of its Association to be published in book form, two volumes to be furnished, one to be placed in the Confederate Museum at Richmond, Va., the other in Memorial Hall, New Orleans, La. Unanimously carried.

On call of the President for a report as to the progress being made relative to the presentation of the memorial to the U. C. Veterans, Mrs. Randolph stated that she did not think it would be possible to have the Memorial presented at this reunion. However, efforts will still be made to accomplish this object.

Mrs. Randolph then read the printed circular letter sent out by the U. D. C., and made another strong appeal to the Memorial Associations represented at the meeting, and hoped that every effort would be made to push the monument to an early completion, and recommended that we lay aside all other work till this is accomplished.

Mrs. Graham offered the following motion: "That a published account be given of the amounts already subscribed by the different cities and States to the Davis Monument fund now in the hands of the treasurer of that fund in Richmond, Va." This motion was seconded by Miss Hodgson and carried. Mrs. Randolph then agreed to send a list of contributors as far as she was able, and that in the future two books would be kept,

one for the contributions through the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, and one for the U. D. C. and all amounts collected would be recorded in same for each Association. This was satisfactory, and Mrs. Graham accepted Mrs. Randolph's proposition.

Mrs. Behan then expressed her approval of the efforts being made to erect the Davis Monument and urged the Memorial Association to continue the good work which they had already commenced. The Association endorsed the movement.

Before the close of this session Mr. Beckwith was introduced. He came at the solicitation of the Ladies' Memorial Association of Petersburg, Va., to speak of the effort being made to preserve the "Old Blandford Church;" the Association of Petersburg proposed to rehabilitate the church so as to make it to every Southern State a non-sectarian mortuary memorial chapel, and suggests that each Camp and Association give three dollars to accomplish this work. Mr. Beckwith stated that Louisiana was the first to respond to the appeal and that a window for that State would be placed in the church.

An invitation was extended by Mrs. Basil Duke, who was also introduced during this session, to attend a reception to be given at the Galt House from 4 to 6 p. m., complimentary to Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, the daughter of President Davis.

The meeting then adjourned until Friday 10 a. m.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON, Sec'y.

Before the hour appointed for the next meeting a communication was received by the President from Mr. Frank Lobrano, stating that he had arranged with Adjutant General Moorman for an interview with General J. B. Gordon at the Reunion Hall at 10 a. m., June 1st, when our Memorial would be presented to the U. C. V. then assembled in convention. Notice was given that the meeting called for 10 a. m. would be postponed until 4 p. m. of that day.

The delegates were called together as many as it was possible to find in the limited time, and in a body proceeded to Reunion Hall where they were met by a committee of Veterans and provided with seats on the plat-

form. The C. S. M. Association was formally recognized by the U. C. V. amid great applause. General Gordon expressed his hearty approval of the Southern Memorial Associations and said he would have the Memorial read at once. Col. Chas. Coffin of Ark., then came forward and in a most impressive manner read the following Memorial.

General John B. Gordon, Commander-in-chief United Confederate Veterans: Dear Sir:—Throughout the south are scattered memorial associations, who have not relinquished their original organization, and whose work is solely memorial and monumental.

These associations (some of which were formed as far back as 1865), by the most assiduous efforts, have removed from wayside and battle field our sacred dead, placed them in cemeteries, of our own, and builded monuments that will bear lasting testimony to the courage, endurance and patriotism of the Confederate soldier.

We bring to you more tangible demonstration of work done than any other organized body of southern people, men or women. We propose to organize or combine these memorial associations (embracing as nearly as possible every one in the south) into what we call a "Confederation of Memorial Associations." We are not willing to lose our identity as memorial associations, nor to merge ourselves into the younger organization, "The Daughters of the Confederacy." We hope by this federation to commemorate our efforts and stamp our work upon the hearts of those who come after us, and thereby insure its continuance.

We would esteem it a privilege and pleasure to have our delegates meet at the same place and time that the United Confederate Veterans hold their annual reunions if agreeable to them. Of course we do not ask a voice in their councils; but we would like to meet with them. Many of us are veterans—veterans as much as the gray, battle scarred old soldiers—though we bided at home; while they stood amid the smoke of battle, we stood amid the smoke of burning homes; when they fought we wept and prayed; when they were hungry, we had only a crust at home; when their clothes were wearing

threadbare on the long and weary march, we were busy with wheel, and loom, and needle; when they were in peril on picket, we held tearful, prayerful vigils. Are we not veterans as well as they? Hoping this may meet with your approval and that of the body over which you preside. I am,

Very respectfully yours,

MRS. LIZZIE POLLARD,
President Southern Memorial Association, Fayetteville,
Ark.

During the reading of the memorial there was frequent outbursts of applause and at the close of each sentence recalling the privations, courage and endurance of the women of the South during those trying times of war, the applause was deafening.

The Veterans gave the memorial their endorsement by a rising vote. Mrs. Randolph then obtained permission to address the Veterans, and in response to her stirring appeal in behalf of the Davis Monument, she received contributions and pledges from the U. C. V. camps and Memorial Associations and individuals. The ladies then retired to assemble in the Galt House Music Room at 4 p. m.

GALT HOUSE MUSIC ROOM, June 1, 1900, 4 P. M.

The meeting of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association was called to order in the Music Room at 4 p. m., Mrs. William J. Behan in the chair.

On call of the President the badge committee reported the following:

"The committee on badge and seal report to the C. S. M. A. as the result of their work the 'Confederate seal' to be adopted and used as the seal and badge of the C. S. M. Association, the seal and the badge to be made of silver in open work."

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA A. GARSIDE,
MRS. J. T. McTEER,
MISS LUCY M. SMITH,
Committee.

After the reading of the report the matter was thoroughly discussed, pro and con, and by unanimous vote, it was decided to let the report lie over till the next annual meeting.

On motion made by Miss Lizzie Carey Daniel, seconded by Miss Garside, it was decided that the Association have a ribbon badge for the present and the color be gray, with embossed gold letters.

Miss Lucy M. Smith was appointed a committee of one to have badges made and distributed.

A letter was read by Miss Sue H. Walker from the Ladies' Memorial Association of Memphis, Tenn., endorsing the movement of confederation, and expressing their willingness to enter same.

A motion was made by Miss Lucy M. Smith, seconded by Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson that the C. S. M. Association be incorporated in the State of Arkansas, in compliment to the Southern Memorial Association of Fayetteville, Ark., with whom originated the beautiful idea of the consolidation of Southern Memorial Associations, and that Miss Sue H. Walker with the following ladies, Mrs. J. D. Walker and Miss Julia A. Garside be appointed a committee to attend to this business. Adopted.

A vote of thanks was offered to Gen. V. Y. Cook, Col. Chas. Coffin of Arkansas, and Mr. Frank Lobrano of New Orleans for their successful effort in securing an audience for our delegates and for having the memorial presented through Gen. Gordon to the U. C. V. assembled in convention.

On motion of Miss Lucy M. Smith, seconded by Miss J. A. Garside, it was agreed that the C. S. M. Association would meet on the first day of the reunion of the U. C. V. at Memphis, Tenn.

The time and place of the next meeting having been thus agreed on, the meeting adjourned.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Secretary.